## MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS May 06, 2011

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, May 06, 2011, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair Patricia Harwell, MFT, Vice-Chair Jack Perryman, LPC Will Bacon, MFT Jan Ligon, CSW Ben Marion, CSW, MFT Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor Sandy Stembridge, Licensure Analyst Dianne Patterson, Administrative Assistant Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

## **GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Sue Fort, Executive Director, NASW

Bonnie Barker, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

## **Announcements:**

- New Board Member Attendance
  - o Ms. Tonya Barbee, CSW003941, was sworn into office.

## **Minutes:**

Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

• April 01, 2011

## **Executive Director's Report:**

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that he had not received any update regarding new Board member appointments.

2. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that he had completed and mailed the approved correspondence to each APC/AMFT licensee's whose licenses have exceeded the five (5) year limit.

Bacon motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the correspondence and to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## **Rule Discussion:**

The Board will continue to review and discuss their current rules for potential revisions and/or amendments to simplify and clarify their intent. This will be an ongoing agenda item for the Board.

Rule 135-3-.04 Licensure by Endorsement

Harwell motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to post amendments to Rule 135-3-.04 Licensure by Endorsement for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from AAG.

#### **Public Rule Hearing:**

• Public Rule Hearing: Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements:

Harwell motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted not to adopt the amendments to Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

## **Rule Discussion (Continued):**

• Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements:

Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to post the revised amendments to Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from the AAG.

#### **Liaison Report:**

The Liaison Report was presented to the Board by Ms. Sue Fort, Executive Director, NASW.

## **On-Going Discussion Items:**

#### "Virtual Counseling"

The Board continues to discuss the use of new technology and equipment and how counselors and therapists are beginning to utilize such devices. The Board does not give out legal advice, and current rules do not address or make provisions for the use of such technology for long distance counseling. The Board will continue this discussion in subsequent meetings. Dr. Ligon will research the matter and report to the Board his findings in subsequent meetings as well.

## **Correspondences:**

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

• Tonya Ruffin, Ann Kerlin, Ann Pennebaker, Carrel Coreaus, Dr. Robert Truax, Tonoi Jones, Charles Zaglin, and Dana Anderson

Bacon motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

## **Petition(s) for Waiver/Variance Requests:**

Sidney Blessey, LPC003737-Rule 135-6-.04(2)-Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses.

Ligon motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

J. Alan Graham, LPC002083-Rule 135-6-.04(2) Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

Ligon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request due to insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

John Newmark-Rule 135-5-.02 Requirements for Licensure

Ligon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Board does not pre-approve applications. None opposed, motion carried.

Bacon motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Harwell, Ligon, Barbee, Perryman, Marion, Bacon, and Mixon.

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following <u>Marriage & Family Therapists</u> applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

#### ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST – CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT:

1.	Avey, Dana	Contract changes approved
2.	Dack, Lauren	Contract changes approved
3.	McMillian, Jessica	Contract changes approved
4.	Mims, Ashley	Contract changes approved

5. Quamme, Ashley Contract changes approved 6. Thompson, Brittan Contract changes approved 7. Wheeler, Jessica Contract changes approved Contract changes approved 8. Whitten, Janet

#### ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION:

1. J.P. Denied, insufficient evidence of supervision/internship 2. A.W. Pending the receipt of additional information 3. H.W. Approved to sit for exam

4. J.W. Approved to sit for exam

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

1. K.L. Pending the receipt of additional information

2. W.P. Approved pending the receipt of additional information

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. A.B. Denied. Board does not endorse with CA. 2. C.E. Denied. Board does not endorse with CA. 3. C.F. Denied. Board does not endorse with OH.

Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Professional Counselors applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

#### ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

Approved to sit for exam 2. B.C. Approved to sit for exam 3. H.C. Pending the receipt of additional information 4. M.C. Approved to sit for exam Pending the receipt of additional information 5. S.C.K. 6. E.D.C. Pending the receipt of additional information Pending the receipt of additional information 7. S.D. Pending the receipt of additional information 8. T.H. Pending the receipt of additional information 9. J.H. 10. S.J. Pending the receipt of additional information

Approved to sit for exam 11. M.K.

Pending the receipt of additional information 12. M.L.

13. A.M. Approved to sit for exam

14. B.M. Pending the receipt of additional information

15. K.P. Approved to sit for exam

Pending the receipt of additional information 16. M.R.

17. L.R. Approved to sit for exam 18. T.R. Approved to sit for exam 19. C.S. Approved to sit for exam 20. D.W. Approved to sit for exam 21. C.W. Approved to sit for exam 22. L.W. Approved to sit for exam

1. E.B.

23. D.W.M.
24. A.W.
25. S.W.
26. C.W.
Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam

#### ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Bowling, Darlene
 Ferdinand, Hillery
 Gilling, Leighton
 K.G.
 Approved for licensure
 Approved for licensure
 Pending the receipt of additional properties.

4. K.G. Pending the receipt of additional information
5. P.H. Pending the receipt of additional information
6. C.H. Pending the receipt of additional information

7. Horstead, Jenease Approved for licensure

8. K.I. Pending the receipt of additional information

9. Jacobs-Goldberg, Jamie Approved for licensure 10. King, Kimberly Approved for licensure 11. Lasseter, Robin Approved for licensure

12. E.L. Pending the receipt of additional information

13. D.L.D. Approved for licensure
14. Lord, Tracie Approved for licensure
15. Mack, Ebony Approved for licensure
16. McCloskey, Elizabeth Approved for licensure

17. C.M. Pending the receipt of additional information
18. M.M. Pending the receipt of additional information
19. S.N. Pending the receipt of additional information
20. G.O. Pending the receipt of additional information

Approved for licensure 21. Rentz, Allison 22. Richardson, Angela Approved for licensure 23. Sanabria, Vidal Approved for licensure 24. Sedgwick, Nile Approved for licensure 25. Simons, Justin Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 26. Skelton, Lauren 27. Smith, Angela Approved for licensure 28. Stewart, Ferol Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 29. Williams, Leslie Approved for licensure 30. Williams, Nathalie 31. Woodson, Pamela Approved for licensure

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR - CONTRACT CHANGES:

Ashley, Vernia
 Couch, Candace
 Crockett, Joanna
 Dack, Lauren
 Ferguson, Karon
 Approved contract changes
 Approved contract changes
 Approved contract changes
 Approved contract changes

6. Johnson, Charles Pending the receipt of additional information

McCallister, Michael
 Pascual, Sandra
 Shain, Jeremy
 Approved contract changes
 Approved contract changes
 Approved contract changes

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATMENT:

1.	Baker, Sarah	Approved for licensure
2.	Cardona, Franchesa	Approved for licensure
3.	Rodriguez-Gutierrez, Renata	Approved for licensure

## LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1.	G.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2.	A.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3.	D.E.	Approved to sit for exam
4.	J.H.	Pending the receipt of additional information
5.	B.H.	Approved to sit for exam
6.	X.M.	Denied. School is not accredited
7.	P.M.	Denied, insufficient documentation of supervision,
		practicum and internship
8.	N.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
9.	R.Y.	Approved to sit for exam

# Bacon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Examination.

1. A.F. Pending, refer to the AG's office for a private consent order

## LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Anders, Faye	Approved for licensure
2. Baker, Lakendra	Approved for licensure
3. Bradley, Letitia	Approved for licensure
4. Bradley, Wendy	Approved for licensure
5. A.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
6. Carney, Devonne	Approved for licensure
7. Cavin, Jason	Approved for licensure
8. Clark, Helen	Approved for licensure
9. Cone, Shannon	Approved for licensure
10. P.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. A.F.	Pending the receipt of additional information
12. Fontamex, Angelia	Approved for licensure
13. Freemon, Candace	Approved for licensure
14. Garcia, Colleen	Approved for licensure
15. Gently, Brooke	Approved for licensure
16. C.G.	Pending the receipt of additional information
17. L.G.	Pending the receipt of additional information
18. Hill, Tamecia	Approved for licensure
19. L.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
20. C.O.	Pending further Board review at June meeting
21. Peterson, Sara	Approved for licensure

22. Polk, Latoya Approved for licensure

23. L.R. Pending the receipt of additional information

24. Rogers, Brandy
25. Routly, David
26. Stevens, Laverne
27. Tarleton, Terrie
28. Taylor, Dietra
29. Winskey, Margaret

Approved for licensure

#### LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

Burke, Lynn Approved for licensure
 Floyd, Russell Approved for licensure

## LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATMENT:

Benson, Kathleen
 D.P.
 Moss, David
 Tatum, Dana
 Approved for licensure
 Approved for licensure
 Approved for licensure

## Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Reinstatement.

1. R.D. Pending, refer to the AG's office for public consent order

Ligon motioned, Barbee seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following <u>Social Workers</u> applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:**

1. T.B. Approved to sit for exam 2. M.B. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 3. S.B. Approved to sit for exam 4. W.C. 5. J.D. Pending the receipt of additional information 6. C.D. Approved to sit for exam 7. M.E.D. Approved to sit for exam 8. D.E. Approved to sit for exam 9. D.F. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 10. M.G. 11. J.G. Pending further Board review Approved to sit for exam 12. E.G. 13. J.G. Approved to sit for exam Pending the receipt of additional information 14. D.G. 15. M.H. Approved to sit for exam 16. N.H. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 17. A.H. 18. J.L. Approved to sit for exam

19. W.L.	Approved to sit for exam
20. T.L.	Approved to sit for exam
21. E.M.	Approved to sit for exam
22. J.M.	Approved to sit for exam
23. J.P.	Approved to sit for exam
24. H.S.	Pending the receipt of additional information
25. D.S.	Approved to sit for exam
26. N.S.	Approved to sit for exam
27. F.S.	Approved to sit for exam
28. P.T.	Approved to sit for exam
29. S.Y.	Approved to sit for exam

## **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1.	Cumings, Anne	Approved for licensure
2.	Dyson, Jerome	Approved for licensure
3.	Ellis, Louisa	Approved for licensure
4.	Gillis, Megan	Approved for licensure
5.	Grace, Kristin	Approved for licensure
6.	Heath, Angie	Approved for licensure
7.	Mamberg, Mariann	Approved for licensure
8.	Slatky, Autumn	Approved for licensure

## **CLINICAL SOCIAL WOKER BY REINSTATEMENT:**

_	Herrington, Eugene D.M.	Approved for licensure Pending the receipt of a

Pending the receipt of additional information

## Bacon motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Reinstatement.

1. J.E. Pending, refer to the AG's office for public consent order with fine

## CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM-EXTENSION REQUEST(S):

1. Bell, Shekerah Extension request granted. Expires 10-31-2011 2. Patterson, Labrandor Extension request granted. Expires 10-31-2011

## MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1.	A.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2.	R.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3.	K.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
4.	T.D.	Approved to sit for exam
5.	N.D.	Approved to sit for exam
6.	D.D.	Approved to sit for exam
7.	S.F.	Approved to sit for exam
8.	T.F.	Approved to sit for exam
9.	J.F.	Approved to sit for exam

10. L.F.P. Approved to sit for exam 11. K.G. Approved to sit for exam 12. H.H. Approved to sit for exam 13. C.H. Approved to sit for exam 14. A.H. Pending the receipt of additional information Approved to sit for exam 15. A.H. 16. J.I. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 17. R.J. Approved to sit for exam 18. T.J. 19. C.K. Approved to sit for exam 20. F.M. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 21. A.P. 22. C.P. Approved to sit for exam 23. K.R. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 24. S.R. 25. M.R. Approved to sit for exam 26. S.R. Approved to sit for exam 27. D.R. Approved to sit for exam 28. M.S. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 29. M.S. 30. U.S. Approved to sit for exam 31. A.T. Approved to sit for exam 32. A.T. Approved to sit for exam 33. M.W. Approved to sit for exam 34. A.W. Approved to sit for exam 35. T.W. Pending the receipt of additional information 36. R.W. Approved to sit for exam

#### MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

Acevedo, Kelly
 Gass, Tondala
 Griffith, Doneille
 Johnson, LaTresha
 Mangaroo, Lloyd
 Rao, Analia
 Approved for licensure
 Approved for licensure

## MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM-EXTENSION REQUEST(S):

Ukeje, Chibuzor
 Williams, Ashley
 Flint, Andrea
 Extension request granted. Expires 10-31-2011
 Extension request granted. Expires 10-31-2011

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

## **Complaint Cases Closed:**

 COMP110001, COMP110054, COMP110062, COMP110065, COMP110067, COMP110071, COMP110072, COMP110073, and COMP110074

## **Complaint Cases Pending the Receipt of Additional Info:**

 COMP110087-Ben Marion is recused from all Board discussion regarding this complaint.

## **Complaint Cases Referred to the Attorney General's Office:**

COMP100075, COMP110083, and COMP100110

Bacon motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, Ben Marion recused, motion carried.

## **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

Bacon motioned, Harwell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

- 1. Open Records Request: Alishia Morgan, RN
  - a. Harwell motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to deny the open records request. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist	
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director	
Bonnie Barker, Chair	Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director	

These minutes were signed and approved on: <u>06-03-2011</u>